

User Guide for Finding Listings of Special Use Waters

What are Special Use Waters?

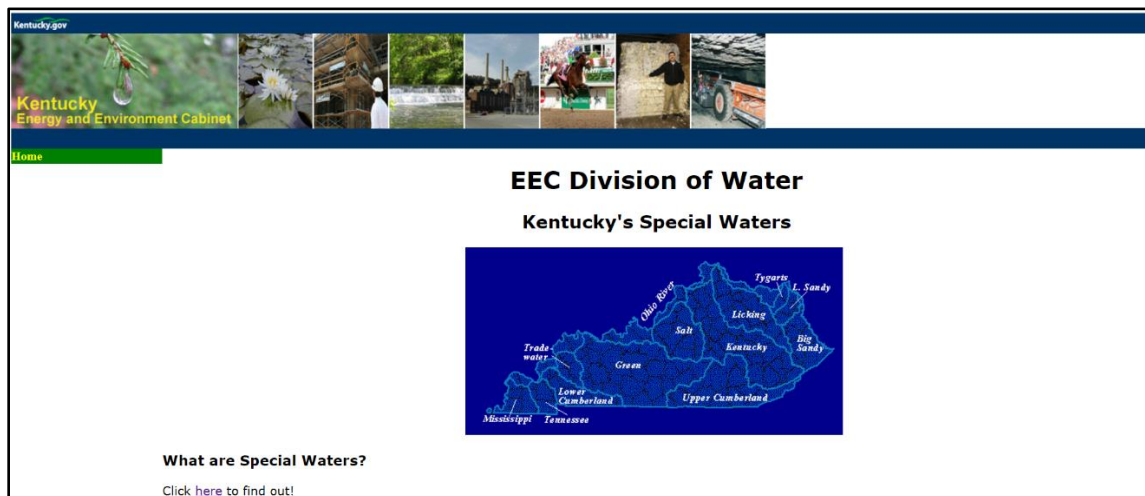
Special Use Waters are rivers, streams, and lakes that receive additional water quality protections. Special Use Waters are defined and listed in the [Kentucky Administrative Regulations](#) (401 KAR 10:026 and 401 KAR 10:030). These special uses include Outstanding State Resource Waters, Outstanding National Resource Waters, Coldwater Aquatic Habitat, Reference Reach Streams, Exceptional Waters, as well as other categories. Not included as Special Use Waters are waterbodies designated by default as Warm Water Aquatic Habitat (WAH), Primary Contact Recreation (PCR), and Secondary Contact Recreation (SCR) and Domestic Water Supply (DWS).

Definitions for each Special Use Water designation type and additional information can be found on the Department's [Special Use Waters](#) website.

Which surface waters are designated as Special Use Waters in Kentucky?

The interactive [Special Use Waters](#) website enables users to search for surface waters that are listed as:

- Cold Water Aquatic Habitats
- Outstanding National Resource Waters
- Exceptional Waters
- Reference Reach Streams
- Outstanding State Resource Waters
- State Wild Rivers
- Federally Designated Wild River
- Federally Designated Scenic River



This website offers two different ways to search for the water in question. Part A of this guide explains how to search by River Basin. Part B explains how to search by Designation Type.

Part A: Search by River Basin

1. Refer to the map image on the Special Use Waters page to determine the River Basin in which the surface water in question is located.
2. Click the **Run Basin Report** button. The report results page will populate (The report will default to Details for Big Sandy Basin).

Choose Basin : **Big Sandy** **Run Report** Choose basin from the dropdown list provided, then click the "Run Report" button. The report defaults to the Big Sandy basin.

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Details for Big Sandy Basin

Waterbody Name	Counties	Boundary	Upstream Mile Point	Downstream Mile Point	Length of Designated Segment	Acreage (Reservoirs and Lakes)	Cold Water Aquatic Habitat	Outstanding National Resource Water	Exceptional Water	Reference Reach Water	Outstanding State Resource Water	State Wild River	Federal Wild River	Federal Scenic River
Paint Creek	Johnson	River Mile 8.3 (Paintville Lake Dam) to Levisa Fork	8.3	0	8.3	Y								
Paintsville Lake	Johnson, Morgan	Entire reservoir				1139	Y							
Hobbs Fork	Martin	Mouth to Headwaters	3.9	0	3.9			Y	Y	Y				
Hobbs Fork Unidentified Tributary	Martin	Hobbs Fork of Pigeonroost Fork to Headwaters	0.55	0	0.55			Y	Y	Y				

3. Click the **Choose Basin** dropdown list. Select the correct River Basin.

Choose Basin : **Upper Cumberland**

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Waterbody Name	Counties	Boundary
Upper Cumberland		

4. Click the **Run Report** button.

[Instructions continue on the next page.]

5. A tabular listing of the Special Use Waters in the chosen River Basin will display. Please note that there could be more than one page of listings.

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Details for Upper Cumberland Basin													
Waterbody Name	Counties	Boundary	Upstream Mile Point	Downstream Mile Point	Length of Designated Segment	Acres (Reservoirs and Lakes)	Cold Water Aquatic Habitat	Outstanding National Resource Water	Exceptional Water	Reference Reach Water	Outstanding State Resource Water	State Wild River	Federally Designated Wild River
Beaver Creek	McCreary	Mouth to Freeman Fork and Middle Fork	7.2	0	7.2		Y		Y	Y	Y		
Bee Lick Creek	Pulaski	Mouth to Warren Branch	5.7	0	5.7				Y		Y		
Brownies Creek	Bell	Coal Stone Branch to Headwaters	16.75	7.5	9.25				Y	Y	Y		
Brush Creek of Roundstone Creek	Rockcastle	Wolf Creek to Reemergence of Sinking Creek	7.6	1.1	6.5				Y		Y		
Brushy Creek of Buck Creek	Pulaski, Rockcastle	Mouth to Headwaters	16.5	0	16.5				Y	Y	Y		
Bunches	Whitley	Mouth to Headwater	3.3	0	3.3		Y		Y	Y	Y		

6. The table can be exported in Excel or Acrobat (PDF) format. Once exported, the user can easily search for the surface water in question.

- a. To export the table, select a format from the dropdown list located near the top of the screen.

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- b. Click the **Export** button.
- c. Follow the prompts to Open or Save the exported file.

Part B: Search by Designation Type

1. On the Special Use Waters page, under Search by Designation Type, click on the designation type for which you would like to run a report.

Search by Designation Type

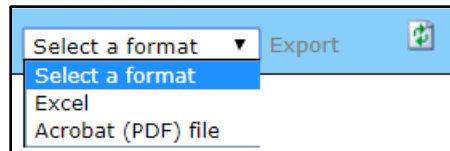
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2. A tabular listing of the state waters of the chosen Designation Type will display. Please note that there could be more than one page of listings.

Waterbody Name	Basin	Counties	Boundary	Upstream Mile Point	Downstream Mile Point	Length of Designated Segment	Acres (Reservoirs and Lakes)	Cold Water Aquatic Habitat	Outstanding National Resource Water	Exceptional Water	Reference Reach Water	Outstanding State Resource Water
Lynn Camp Creek	Green	Hart	Mouth to Lindy Creek	8.5	0	8.5		Y		Y	Y	Y
Middle Fork Red River	Kentucky	Powell	South Fork Red River to Natural Bridge State Park Lake	8.5	1.8	5.4		Y		Y		Y
Beaver Creek	Upper Cumberland	McCreary	Mouth to Freeman Fork and Middle Fork	7.2	0	7.2		Y		Y	Y	Y
Bunches Creek	Upper Cumberland	Whitley	Mouth to Headwater	3.3	0	3.3		Y		Y	Y	Y
Cogur Fork	Upper Cumberland	McCreary	Mouth to Headwaters	7.9	0	7.9		Y		Y	Y	Y
Dog Slaughter	Upper Cumberland	Whitley	Mouth to North Fork and South Fork	1.1	0	1.1		Y		Y	Y	

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